

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 are pending in this case. Independent claims 1, 7, 13, 26, 32 and dependent claims 2-4, 8-11, 17-19, 27-29 have been amended.

At the request of Examiner Young Toi Tse during a telephonic conference on January 13, 2005, Applicant submits this Supplemental Amendment to better clarify the language in several of the claims of the instant application. Support for the amendments to these claims can be found in the specification page 6, line 1 to page 24, line 13 and all Figures referenced therein. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 7, 13, 26, 32 and hence dependent claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-25, 27-31 are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

In light of the Amendments and the arguments set forth above, Applicant earnestly believes that they are entitled to a letters patent, and respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent applications to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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